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1. GREATLY APPRECIATE PROMPT ACTION FEDERAL RESERVE, DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY BERN. BIS STORY IS EXACT FIT EXCEPT THAT I DID NOT REALIZE SWAP HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE.

2. RATHER THAN PUT INTO RECORD WHAT I HAVE HEARD ABOUT THIS SORDID BUSIENESS, I SUGGEST APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL CONFIDENTIALLY SEEK INFORMATION FROM DENNIS DE MUNNICK, ZAIRE DESK, FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK, NEW YORK. I REPEAT FOR RECORD THAT FNCB WHEN THEY BEGAN TO SMELL SOMETHING FISHY COOPERATED FULLY WITH ME AND IT WAS WITH THEIR AUTHORIZATION THAT I RAISED SUBJECT WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU.

3. THERE IS AT LEAST ONE OTHER AMERICAN PARTY INVOLVED WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE ENTIRELY LEGITIMATE. IT IS MANUFACTURER OF COMMEMORATIVE COINS IN NEW JERSEY WHOSE EXACT NAME I AM UNAWARE OF BUT I BELIEVE IT TO BE SOMETHING LIKE CONTINENTAL MINT.

4. SAMBWA IS ALMOST CERTAINLY IN SWITZERLAND AND I BELIEVE DEMUNNICK, PROBABLY INADVERTENTLY, HAS TIPPED HIM OFF TO FACT
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THAT GAME IS UP. DON'T MENTION THIS IN ANY CONTACT WITH FNCB,

PERHAPS THEY WILL VOLUNTEER IT, PERHAPS NOT. AT THIS
STAGE IT IS UNIMPORTANT.

5. I WOULD GUESS THAT BANK OF ZAIRE OFFICIAL WHO TALKED
WITH BIS IS CERTAIN BIEME WHO LEFT ZAIRE SUDDENLY THIS
PAST WEEKEND.

6. ALSO INVOLVED IS ZAIROIS, WHOSE NAME I DO NOT YET
HAVE, BUT WHO IS APPARENTLY CONNECTED WITH IBRD IN
WASHINGTON AND GOD KNOWS WHO ELSE.

7. IN VIEW MOBUTU'S STATED POSITION AND POSSIBILITY
THAT SAMBWA WILL ENDEAVOR DRAW ON BANK OF ZAIRE ACCOUNT
AT NEW YORK FED, FED SHOULD BE MORE THAN NORMALLY CAUTIOUS.
WHEN MOBUTU, WHO HAS BEEN IN LUSAKA, RETURNS HERE, HE
WILL PRESUMABLY GET TO BOTTOM OF AFFAIR AND CHANGE BANK
OF ZAIRE LEADERSHIP, BUT IN MEANTIME SAMBWA MIGHT STILL
TRY USE HIS AUTHORITY AS GOVERNOR.
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